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Almighty God and heavenly Father, in deep humility we bow before thee. We, like men down through the centuries, are stricken with awe before thy power - and yet our inherent dread of unknown things is altered by our faith in thy love. Open our minds O God; help us to understand thy mysteries; help us to recognize our own limitations - to understand that never will all secrets be within our grasp.

At this time O Lord, we are reminded of thine infinite love and concern. As we approach the cross of Christ we once again are brought face to face with the evidence of thy love. Make us worthy O God; give us the strength to rigorously examine our lives and our minds and then to humbly beg forgiveness. Give us grace that we may open our lives to the love thou hast freely given.

Help us O God, in the struggle we wage with our pride: in shame and sorrow we admit that everything we do is tinged with vanity and self-centeredness: cleanse us from this sin O Lord; renew goodness within us - and keep us always within the limits of thine holy forgiveness.

O God - as we approach the day on which all of mankind was redeemed: help us, in this season, to deal with love & kindness with our neighbors. Help us to be more patient and tolerant; help us to see in our fellow men - creatures equally loved and sustained by thee.

O thou who didst create all nations to live together in peace and harmony: look with pity upon our troubled world. Be with those who negotiate in Geneva - that the horrors of nuclear warfare may be reduced; give responsibility & patience to all delegates to the United Nations. Give wisdom & humility to the leaders of every nation - that someday love may overcome hatred; peace overcome fear.

Give courage to those of our own country who at this time are fighting for the cause of freedom. Be with those people the world over whose lives have been made wretched by political strife.

O thou who art merciful & kind - be with the sick - and especially those of our own number who are ill. Be by the bedside of Mrs. Schneebuyoo - giving both her & her family the comfort of thy presence.

All this we pray in the name of him who died for our sake - even Christ the Lord.

Amen